

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract with the following revised version:

The invention concerns a device for the transport of metallic work pieces, in particular, during the heat treatment process. ~~In order to suggest a device that~~ The invention makes cost savings and increased transport capacity possible, ~~an invention is suggested with by~~ providing a device for the transport of metallic work pieces comprising a heat-insulated and vacuum-proof transport chamber for heated transports, a transport device for cold transports and a common drive for the transport chamber and the transport device.